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#### ANSWERED PRAYER

We have been praying 9 months for a Bible teacher for the boys at Coastal Harbor. Praise the Lord for answered prayers! Mike Wilson and Lawrence Wright are now teaming up to minister to these boys.

Thank you for praying along with us. Also thank you to Mike and Lawrence for being willing take the time out of your busy week to share the Gospel with these troubled youth.

#### **COASTAL HARBOR BOYS**

Lawrence, Esther, and I have visited the boys four of the last five weeks in June and July. We have conducted two classes each Sunday afternoon and visited all three boys' units. It has worked out that one unit of the three is not available for visitation for one reason or another so we alternate as circumstances dictate. I have been preparing a short message each week. Lawrence has been opening and closing us in prayer, while Esther has been showing us the ins and outs and taking care of the music.

The boys in Unit 2E are the least attended with typically 3 or 4 boys in attendance. These boys range from 12 to 17 years of age. We have visited them twice so far. One boy flashes devil horns at us when we show up. We will do our best to get him to attend. Please pray for this young man.

The boys in Unit 2N are the best attended (approximately 10 boys). They range from 8 to 13 years of age. We have visited them three times. They are excited to see us arrive and once proclaimed happily, "Church is here!" One of the older boys told me he had prayed for peace but did not get any. I prayed with him and told him God had a purpose for him being there and that he could be an encouragement to the other boys. He smiled with understanding. When we left one boy asked if we would be back next Sunday. I assured him we would do our best.

The boys in Unit 3N are ages 12-16, and about half a dozen on average attend. We have visited them three times. We have good fellowship with them. Most attendees profess to be Christians. Last visit, several of the boys offered testimony on how the Holy Spirit helped them and offered up prayer. One boy said he was seeking to know Christ and prayed along with three others to receive Christ. Praise the LORD!

Please pray for us as we minister to these boys and pray that they will receive and grow in God's Word. -*Mike Wilson* 

### **MOUNTAINEER MINISTRIES**

I have been blessed to serve shut-ins in care centers for 34 years in Western NC, upstate SC, and Eastern TN. I endeavor to take regular worship services to 50 care centers per month in 10 counties. Since the Covid shutdown in 2020, we began doing outdoor worship services and are currently back inside 27 care centers per month. We are praying to once again fulfill our original goal of 50 care centers per month. I preach, sing, play 7 instruments, and pray for the services. My Assistant Pastor, Adam Cole, also preaches the Gospel.

The partnership with Brother Marty and Sister Shelly McKenzie came at such a great time, as we had just lost a longtime ministry partner. The prayer support is also an enormous blessing to me as we are daily in a spiritual warfare for the souls of senior residents and many younger disabled people. I have to thank Jesus, Brother Marty, and Sister Shelly for being such a huge blessing to me and 2,000 shutins we regularly serve.

To God Be the Glory, Great things He has done!!

-Patrick Ballard

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

1 Chronicles 16:34

#### PLEASE CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH US

His Love Ministries does not charge the facilities for any of the services we provide. We are a full-time ministry totally supported by individuals, churches, and businesses that are willing to financially partner with us to spread the Gospel to the forgotten.

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### **COASTAL HARBOR GIRLS**

I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...Romans 1:16

Thank you for your prayers and support. Patricia and I continue to share the Gospel to the girls at Coastal Harbor.

Satan is the god of this world and has blinded the mind of those who don't believe, (2 Cor.4:4), and the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (1Peter 5:8). We know that God determined to rescue these girls and remove them from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God. They are at CH due to suicide attempts, self-harming, violent behavior, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual assault, etc. Listening to some of their stories is heartbreaking. In most cases, their home environment is not very good—one or both parents are in prison or abusive. The only Hope is through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is a reality at CH that children cannot hear the gospel message even through technology; they are not allowed to access outside resources. We have to be there in person. That is why His Love Ministries sends Bible teachers and volunteers to reach out to these youth and give them a Bible to read. Please pray that we can faithfully share the gospel message to those sent to us by our heavenly Father. There are some children who reject us at CH, but there are some that call us Church and wait for us to come. They are longing for attention, encouragement, and for someone to tell them the Truth. They love to sing praise and worship songs. Some express a desire to learn more about God.

We usually invite them to have Bible study in the designated room. At times, they cannot come out of their room or they won't, so when we are allowed, we share the gospel message in an open area or the hallway. One evening no one came out of their room. I asked if I could do the lesson in the hall. As soon as I started, girls started coming and sitting at their door to listen and some even came out into the hall. These girls are hungry for the Truth.

Praise the LORD!!! When Bible study was on salvation and the Holy Spirit a few weeks ago, 7 girls made a profession of faith! Please pray that they walk closely with Jesus . Please pray that God will open the eyes, ears, hearts, and minds of those who hear His Word! Thank you and God bless!

-Esther Wilson

#### Praise God for allowing this Ministry to be an instrument used to change lives!

Statistics for January-June 2022

Professions of Faith: 15 Church services: 149 Bible studies: 107 Attendance: 3429 Bibles given out: 22 Podcasts Downloads: 2,108– 39 Countries & 38 States

#### **COASTAL HARBOR ADULTS**

I started gospel ministry about 27 years ago, presenting the Bible to people incarcerated at Chatham County Detention Center. When Covid hit in 2020, that ministry was closed to all civilian volunteers. By that time, I had already begun volunteering with His Love Ministries, helping at Coastal Harbor facility for Adults in Savannah two evenings a week.

I still visit the same facility two days a week: on Thursday evening (7:30 pm) and Sunday afternoon (3:30pm). Currently, I am teaching through the gospel of John. Both times, I read and then explain a passage from John. On Sunday afternoons, I include the singing of three familiar hymns. Each Bible presentation includes the lost spiritual condition of all mankind and the need to believe the gospel and accept Jesus as their sin substitute.

Sharing the Word with people with mental health issues can be challenging because many have little control of their impulses and sometimes interrupt the Bible presentation. But recently, I have been encouraged to see how quiet they become when the Word is opened, prayed over, and read--truly a work of the Holy Spirit to quiet their minds. Near the end of the session, I invite anyone who wishes to ask questions, accept the gospel invitation, or wants to pray after I close the service. My stay there is extended for any of these purposes. I have prayed with some who wanted to rededicate their lives to Christ and get back into church after their treatment.

It is a great blessing of God to be allowed to visit the facility and preach the Word because I believe that as it goes forth, God's Word will "never return void" (Isaiah 55:11).

To God be the glory; He is the great Physician (Matthew 8:17 and Isaiah 53:4). -Daniel Metts

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#### **PRAYER NEEDS**

- We have a need for male Bible teachers in Savannah for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities. Many places are still requiring vaccines. Please pray for God to provide as He sees fit.
- Please pray for us as we minister to those who are hurting and need Jesus.
- Please pray for the spiritual growth of those who have trusted Christ.
- Please pray that the rest of the facilities will ease up on their Covid restrictions.

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